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Dear Mother:-

I recd your letter addressed to the store to day. I have moved to Miss Lowers and I'll get letters sooner that are directed there because my recitations come very late in the day and I don't have much time in Oakland. Mather's $50 was included in the $75, which also included the $10 00. About Mr Rankin and Ed Sessions you know or at least you do if you have received my letters for I have written the whole business.

I went to the extravagance of a flying visit the other day to Sacramento. Davis is preaching there and I went up on Friday afternoon and spent Friday night and part of Saturday with him. He showed me over the Capitol Building; we went up into the cupola on top of the dome and had a fine view of the Sacramento valley and the Sierras with snow on them and the great muddy lake that the Sacramento river makes of it self near the city. There are in Sac. the heads of the rail road magnates and among others of Crocker. Now the Crockers are in the Episcopal (like the Sanford family and other aristocratic people) but a Miss Walker a distant relative of theirs (not an old maid, estimated age 21) is in charge of the house for them and has an older, married (not old) lady friend of hers with her; but this is wandering from the point. These people are very bright and pleasant and being Episcopalians make lots of Davis and he is quite intimate there. So he took me there to show me the Crocker art collection. It was mag!

Not a few real old masters and lots of fine pictures some thing like 500 in all I believe. Of course I could not do them justice in an hour but Iwish I could drop in for an hour or two every day for a while. When we went back from the Gallery into the main house we chatted a while with Miss Waters and her friend and then went for the train. I would have staid till Monday if it had not been that my China boys would have been left on the hands of Shadd. 29 boys there to night the largest school for a long time. There is a new house being put up on the corner of 14th and Clay across fortieth from the Bowens; it is a fair sized house and belongs to Dr Riley I think.

I think you ought to go to Farmington again before you come back. I want you back as much as you want to come but I think from what I hear that Cousin Maria is one of our best and most cultured and has the best circle of acquaintances of all our cousins and is full of bright ideas and is in fact just the person of all others that you want to meet. Fannie Bowen has been spending Sunday with Lizzie J. and both want to be remembered to you and send love and wants you to write to them. Lizzies conscience spurs her and she fears your wrath for she has not written to you for two weeks.

The Sunday after Feb 16 was rainy and I did not go out to the Cemetary but the next Sunday was better and I went. I gathered some violets & send to you from father's grave but I could find them and though I put them in my pocket book I am afraid that I must have lost them.

Give my love to all the folks

Your loving boy

E. D. Langford.